(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why it was not done so up to this time ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the list that the Minor Irrigation Department has prepared for the purpose will be laid on the table ;

(*d*) whether the Minor Irrigation Department has improved any *chira* or *kulam* in the Nedumangad taluk in the year 1110 or 1111 M. E. ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, what are the *chiras* and *kulams* improved ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, why no work was executed ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) It was not found necessary.

(*c*) This does not arise.

(*d*) Yes. Restoration of rain damages in some tanks.

(*e*) A list of them is placed on the table.

(*f*) Some of the necessary works brought to the notice of the department are under investigation and some estimates have been prepared and are pending sanction.

Conversion of traces in the Nedumangad taluk.

220. ❋MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what has become of the allotment granted in the budget for 1110 M. E. to convert the Vamanapuram—Nagaroor trace and Kallara-Aruvipuram trace into new cart roads ;

(*b*) whether the above two works have been taken up and executed ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why the works were not carried out ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, how far the works have progressed ?

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) There was no provision in the budget for 1110 for the conversion of the traces into cart roads.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The improvements to the Vamanapuram—Nagaroor trace have been taken in hand and about one mile has been improved and further works are in good progress. Nothing has been done with regard to the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace since the ryots' portion of the work as per the Ryots' Road Rules has not been completed.

Toll-Gates.

221. ❋MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of toll-gates a motor car has to pass through on its way from Cape Comorin to North Parur and the amount it has to pay by way of toll fees ; and

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(*b*) whether they have under contemplation any scheme of collecting tolls by which a vehicle will have to pay toll only once in a district in any one day?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Seven toll-gates and a fee of Rs. 5-7-0.

(*b*) No.

Motor Transport in the State.

232. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule regulating the granting of loading capacities to lorries in the State;

(*b*) if so, what they are:

(*c*) whether they are aware of any case where along the same route different lorry-owners are given different loading capacities by Government, without reference to the actual carrying capacities of the vehicles;

(*d*) whether Government or the traffic authorities have received any representation regarding the grievances of the lorry-owners of Kottayam;

(*e*) if so, what action was taken on such representation; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Motor Transport Company Limited, Kottayam, are allowed to carry unlimited quantities of load, while others are allowed only 2,000 pounds and odd on the K. K. Road?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Actual calculation applicable to the respective type of vehicle.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government are considering the matter.

(*f*) No.

Canal connecting the Mavelithodu with the Meenachil river.

223. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the inhabitants of Kiliroor, Thiruvarpu, Chengalam and Kumarakam regarding the necessity of opening a canal connecting the Mavelithodu with the Meenachil river a little to the north of the Illickal bridge at Kottayam; and

(*b*) if so, what action have the Government taken upon it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate prepared for the work is being scrutinised by the Chief Engineer.

Dispensary at Kallumkatharai.

224. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation

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